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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 3763
Attorney Docket No.: 3214-3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : LIN
Application No. : 10/050,565
Filed : January 18, 2002
Title : PROTECTING CAP STRUCTURE FOR THE
NEEDLE OF A SYRINGE
Group Art Unit : 3763
Examiner : R. Maiorino
Docket No. : 3214-3

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136 for a **ONE-MONTH** extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action of November 28, 2003. The period for response is accordingly hereby extended to expire on **March 28, 2004**, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response.

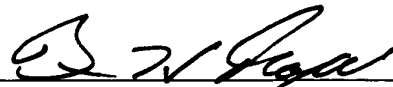
The required fee as established by 37 CFR §1.17(a), (b), (c) or (d) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8) is: **\$55.00**. A check for \$55.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this petition to **Deposit Account No. 501874**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 24, 2004

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